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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: CIVAIR: BILATERAL AIR TRANSPORT AGREEMENT

REF: STATE 47293

1. IN RESPONSE TO QUESTION POSED REFTEL, CIVAIR PRINCIPAL SECRETARY ADEGENBRO SAID THAT HE DID NOT REMEMBER THAT DELEGATION HAD AGREED TO SIGN CIVAIR BILATERAL IN LAGOS. HOWEVER, HE WENT ON TO STATE THAT THE MARCH 31 PRESIDENTIAL VISIT PROVIDED A PERFECT OPPORTUNITY FOR THE SIGNING CEREMONY. HE STATED QUOTE HEAD OF STATE AND CARTER COULD SIGN AND EVERYBODY WOULD GAIN POLITICALLY UNQUOTE. ADEGENBRO PROMISED TO CHECK ON THE PROGRESS OF THE AGREEMENT THROUGH THE NIGERIAN BUREAUCRACY AND IF POSSIBLE TO RECOMMEND TO HIS GOVERNMENT THAT THE SIGNING TAKE PLACE DURING THE PRESIDENTIAL VISIT. EMBOFF STATED THAT MATTER WOULD HAVE TO BE BROUGHT TO ATTENTION OF USG.

2. COMMENT: AMBASSY HAS INDICATED ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS THAT IT FAVORR SIGNING DURING PRESIDENTIAL VISIT. IF IT IS NOT DESIRABLE FOR HEADS OF STATE TO SIGN DOCUMENT, IT COULD BE DONE BY SECRETARY OF STATE AND COMMISSIONER FOR EXTERNAL
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AFFAIRS OR OTHER APPROPRIATE OFFICIALS.

3. BENEFITS FOR U.S. AVAIATION POLICY OF SIGNATURE DURING PRESIDENTIAL VISIT ALSO POSITIVE. AS DEPARTMENT WELL AWARE, RECENT BILATERALS WITH WEST AFRICAN NATIONS ARE REGARDED AS SOMEWHAT OF AN EXPERIMENT. WE WISH TO FIND OUT IF GOVERNMENTS WILL ADHERE TO AGREEMENTS AFTER AURA OF SIGNING WEARS OFF AND

SOME OF PROVISIONS BEGIN TO BIND. WE BELIEVE HIGH LEVEL SIGNING
WOULD ENHANCE SIGNIFICANCE AND DURABILITY OF AGREEMENT.
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